

Standards Committee
30th April 2024

Subject:

Application for Dispensation by Newcastle Emlyn Town Council
Councillor Hazel Evans

Purpose:

To determine the application

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Determine whether to grant the request and, if granted, the duration of the dispensation

Reasons:

In accordance with the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001

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| Cabinet Decision Required | NO |
| Council Decision Required | NO |

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Not applicable

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| Directorate: Chief Executive's Name of Head of Service: Linda Rees- Jones Report Author: Linda Rees-Jones | Designations: Head of Administration & Law & Monitoring Officer As above | Tel: 01267 224010 LRJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk |
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT

Application for Dispensation by Newcastle Emlyn Town Councillor Hazel Evans

An application for dispensation has been received from Newcastle Emlyn Town Councillor Hazel Evans.

The application relates to Town Council business regarding the grant of tenancy of the Old Courthouse where there are two applicants, and Town Cllr. Evans is a non-remunerated Director of one of the applicants, which itself is a charity. This constitutes a personal and prejudicial interest under the Code of Conduct.

Cllr. Evans seeks a dispensation to Speak and Vote and to make written recommendations on the following grounds in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001.

1. Regulation 2(d) – the nature of the member's interest is such that their participating in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence.
2. Regulation 2(f) – the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise.

If the Committee is minded to grant the dispensation, its duration will also need to be considered.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones, Head of Administration & Law and Monitoring Officer.

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder & Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets | Bio-diversity & Climate Change |
| NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed in the report

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones, Head of Administration & Law and Monitoring Officer

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| Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination | NA |
| Scrutiny Committee | |
| Date the report was considered:- | |
| Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:- | |

2. Local Member(s) - N/A

3. Community / Town Council – N/A

4. Relevant Partners – N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

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| CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED | N/A |
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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| Application for dispensation | N/A | Attached to the report |